

LEADING CROPS ARE IMPROVING

Fall Trade Sentiment Helped in Most Sections of the Country As Result.

INDUSTRIES ARE QUIETER

Prices Ending in Some of the Important Branches—Cotton Goods Continue to Go Higher—Dress Goods and Silks Are Also Very Strong.

New York, Aug. 9.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Cross currents in crop and trade developments render generalization difficult. Despatches point to further favorable progress by leading crops notably corn, cotton and spring wheat, but excepting oats, reports from which are not favorable. In the Southwest, North and at large Eastern centers sentiment as to fall trade has been helped by these developments and fall buying is becoming more noticeable. In some of the large industries, however, quieter trade is reported in some branches, with prices easing. Thus pig iron and some finished lines are reported lower on the week. In textile trades the feature is the marked activity at strengthening prices for cotton goods and the dress goods and silk markets are also better but it is noted that sales of more woolens for the spring of 1908 are below those of the preceding season.

Business failures for the week number 157 against 157 in the like week of 1906, 152 in 1905, 167 in 1904 and 159 in 1903.

There are no signs of hesitation in Canadian demand and the only apparent drawback is the exceptionally strong and active money market.

Leads increased heavily in the first half of the year but this appears to have been altogether in commercial lines as call loans fell off owing to the paucity of stock speculation. Increased activity is noted in fall trade at leading centers and crop reports continue to show improvement.

JOBBING TRADE ACTIVE

New York, Aug. 9.—G. G. Dan & Co. review of trade to-morrow will say:

Jobbing trade in fall and winter goods is active at the leading cities. Country merchants being in large quantities and operating freely as a rule. Retail sales of seasonable merchandise are liberal although at some points customary midsummer quiet is noted. Mercantile collections show distinct improvement on the whole.

There is little interruption in the leading industries. Commodity prices are lower, especially in cotton, but the general inflation exists, favorable weather having greatly improved crop prospects. Railways earning for July, complete for four weeks, show a gain of 23 per cent. over the same month last year and foreign commerce at this port for the last week supplied an increase of \$1,250,000 in value of imports as compared with the same week of a year ago. A small increase of \$147,847 occurred in exports.

Failures this week numbered 157 in the United States, against 174 last year and 51 in Canada compared with 114 a year ago.

A BUSY WEEK FOR THEM.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft Have Trips Planned—Teddy In New England.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Next week will be a busy one for both President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft. The chief executive is announced, will temporarily abandon the summer capital at Oyster Bay for a trip to New England, to be made on the presidential yacht Mayflower. According to reports, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will first visit Newport next Thursday, where they will be the guests of Commodore and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt at Aqueduct for several days. The New York yacht club, of which Mr. Vanderbilt is commodore, will visit the Rhode Island resort on its annual cruise during the President's stay, when the race for the time-honored Astor cups and the race and contest for the King's cup will be held. From Newport, the president will go to Providence, where he will play a principal part in the ceremonies attendant upon the unveiling of the monument to commemorate the landing of the Pilgrims. This affair will take place a week from next Wednesday and the President by now at work on the address he will deliver on that occasion. The chief executive and Mrs. Roosevelt will be the recipients of as many social entertainments as they care to accept during their stay in New England.

Word comes from Murray Bay, Canada, where Secretary Taft has been spending his vacation, that he will leave to-morrow for Washington, arriving here Monday. The coming week will be spent in disposing of all important war department business requiring the secretary's immediate attention, and a week from tomorrow he will leave for Ohio to keep an engagement to address the republican clubs of his home State at Columbus on the evening of Aug. 19. Around the various conditions of his candidacy for the presidency, the Buckeye friends of the dispossessed secretary have advised him to get into the open and fight for the nomination in a strenuous style, if he hopes to win the prize. Many of Taft's friends have been indulging in criticism of his attitude before the people, being that of a Roosevelt dependent rather than of an individual independent candidate standing on his own platform, with his own ideas and issues. This advice, it is stated on good authority, has had a vital effect on Mr. Taft and he has decided to take the bit in his teeth and inaugurate an active and aggressive campaign.

From Ohio the secretary will blaze a campaign trail to the Pacific coast, sailing from Seattle for the Philippines early in September. Material changes have been made in the itinerary, providing for many additional stops where political speeches will be made. Leaving Ohio, he will go to Kentucky, reaching probably at Louisville on August 22. The new State of Oklahoma will next be visited, Oklahoma City having been selected as the place and August 24 as the date of Taft's appearance. A strong Taft sentiment is said to exist in the territories and the secretary will attempt to fan this into flames, as well as to give aid and comfort to the

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"Leader" and "Repeater" and Repeating Shotguns make a killing combination for field, fowl or trap shooting. No smokeless powder shells enjoy such a reputation for uniformity of loading and strong shooting qualities as "Leader" and "Repeater" brands do, and no shotgun made shoots harder or better than the Winchester.

THEY ARE MADE FOR EACH OTHER

republishers in their struggle with the victors in the September elections.

On August 2 Secretary Taft will attempt to "show" the people of Joliet, Mo., that he is the logical candidate for the republican presidential nomination, and on the following day is scheduled to repeat the operation at Springfield, Mo.

On August 22 Secretary Taft will board the train in his day by visiting Bryan's home town, Lincoln, Neb. Denver is next on the schedule, August 30. Portland will be visited September 6. Tacoma on September 7 and the secretary will complete his political tour in Seattle on September 9, when he will sail for the Philippines.

It is stated by the Taft advisers in Washington that it will be his purpose during the coming trip to discuss and present various issues from his own point of view, in order to meet the criticism that the president has been basing his reflected light of President Roosevelt. Much is hoped from this tour by friends of Taft, who believe that it will result in placing him in the forefront of candidates for the nomination.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Wives are still obtained by purchase in some parts of Russia. In the district of Kamensk in the Volga, for example, it is practically the only way in which marriages are brought about. The price of a wife is from a well-to-do family ranges from \$100 to \$200, and in special cases a much higher sum is obtained. In the village the lowest price is about \$25.

"A bloody injury" is now being asked in England in consequence of the assault by a witness in a trial that the wife of a poor man, who was a coffee and confectioner, was likely to cause a great deal of damage in a poor neighborhood and the further assertion by a medical man that from his experience in poor districts coffee mixed with cherry often set off irritant poisoning.

The London statistician says that the total value of the exports of Australia in the period from 1905 to 1906, inclusive, apart from any further expansion, after the end of 1907, will amount to about \$1,575,000,000, or if no drought probably more than \$2,000,000,000, in contrast to only \$1,000,000,000 in the five years from 1897 to 1900, a growth in only twenty years of from 150 to 150 per cent.

A Montpelier youth dropped an umbrella on the granite street bridge at 4 o'clock last night. He tried to recover it with a boat. The boat filled with water and while he was bailing he lost the oars and his hat. When the craft reached the Main street bridge and within a few feet of the Colton shops dam he had to desert it and swim ashore with his shoes and clothes on. He escaped but the boat went over the dam.

In prize practice among civilians, Canada is far ahead of the United States. It has 12 military rifle associations and 43 civilian rifle associations. The military associations have a membership of 1600 and the civilian 34,570. In Canada each member of a civilian club draws 10 rounds of ammunition yearly and the government allows a rifle to every four men. If no rifle range is available, a small cash allowance is made toward the expenses of the club.

THE STORY OF A POOR BOY.

John Adams, second president, was the son of a grocer of very moderate means. The only trait he had was a good education.

Andrew Jackson was born in a log hut in North Carolina, and was reared in the pine woods for which the State is famous.

James K. Polk spent the earlier years of his life helping to dig a living out of a new farm in North Carolina. He was a farmer, a clerk in a county store, and a member of the legislature of New York before he became a statesman.

James Buchanan was born in a small town in the Allegheny mountains. His father cut the logs and built the house in which he was a widower.

Abraham Lincoln was the son of a wretched poor farmer in Kentucky, and lived in a log cabin until he was twenty-one years old.

Andrew Johnson was apprenticed to a tailor at the age of ten years by his widowed mother. He was never able to attend school, and picked up all the education he ever had.

AGED VETERAN'S AIM WAS TRUE

Cornelius McLane of Brandon Warned Emery to Keep Away.

SHOT HIM THROUGH HEART.

Emery Picked a Quarrel and Is Said to Have Been under the Influence of Liquor—Met His Death on McLane's Door Step—McLane Arrested.

Brandon, Aug. 11.—Fred Emery, aged 50 years, was shot through the heart here this afternoon and instantly killed by Cornelius McLane, aged 67, a man in feeble health and a veteran of the Civil War. The affair occurred in the home of McLane at four o'clock. Emery had gone to the house earlier in the afternoon and sought a quarrel but was told to go away. This he did but returned in a more aggressive mood and being again warned to leave the premises, persisted and went up on the steps where McLane shot him down, a bullet from a 32-caliber revolver going through his heart.

A large crowd witnessed the shooting and McLane was at once arrested and taken to the village lock-up awaiting a hearing to-morrow morning at which the attorney R. A. Lawrence of Rutland will appear.

It is said that Emery was under the influence of liquor, that he had put his wife and child out of the house, that he was in a delirious mood as was often the case when he had been drinking and that he had picked out the old veteran for his victim.

Another version of the affair is that Emery's wife and child had taken refuge in McLane's house, and that the quarrel followed in consequence of Emery's charging McLane with harboring his family.

BIG FIRE AT RICHFORD

Village Suffers a \$60,000-Loss in Destruction of Sweet-Comings Furniture Factory, Stores and Dwellings.

Richford, Aug. 11.—The business section of this village was partially destroyed by a fire which started in the furniture factory of the Sweet-Comings Co. at 3:30 yesterday afternoon, entailing a loss of \$60,000 before the flames were under control at 4:30. The factory was the largest manufacturing plant in northern Vermont and with it were burned the flour and feed mill of the Sweet-Comings company together with its engine and boiler house, several private dwellings and stores and the village's hose house.

When it was seen that the fire was beyond the control of the local department, aid was asked from St. Albans and from Sutton, P. Q., and both places sent companies which aided materially in subduing the flames.

Aside from the factory and mills at the Sweet-Comings company, the other buildings destroyed were: Joseph Wheeler's laundry, the Richford Fruit company's store, H. Holt & Co., hardware store, the house building of the Richford fire department, the tenement house of P. W. Mitchell, the dwellings of Mrs. John Knight and Homer Whitman.

The village is without street lights as power for the electric light plant was in the Sweet-Comings company's plant. The latter lost a great amount of valuable finished stock, heads, flour, feed and lumber. Some 50 to 75 heads are thrown out of employment.

ST. ALBANS MEN PRAISED.

St. Albans, Aug. 11.—This city responded to Richford's call for aid yesterday to help it fight fire by sending a hose cart with a thousand feet of hose and extinguishers and 12 firemen. A special train took the outfit up, leaving here at 5:30 and returning at 11:30 p. m. The boys did good work while away and were warmly thanked and praised by Richford people.

TRAMP ATTEMPTS ASSAULT.

Seized Little Girl in Barbings—Scream Frightened Him Away.

Island Pond, Aug. 11.—While several girls were bathing yesterday afternoon, a tramp, one of them an attorney, a criminal, attempted to assault the screams of her companions brought assistance and the tramp fled, having failed to accomplish his purpose.

The free use of the telephone and telegraph caused the arrest last night at North Stratford, N. H., of a tramp who was brought here to-day and who gives his name as Jesse Thomas Galesburg, Ill. A hearing will be held to-morrow morning.

The victim of the attempted assault is nine years old. Should the evidence at the hearing corroborate rumors other arrests may follow.

The tramp under arrest at first denied his presence here yesterday afternoon but later admitted it although he denies attempting to assault the girl. She asserts that the tramp at first choked her and that he struck her. Her throat bears marks substantiating her story.

YOUNG MAN DROWNED.

Ernest Ranney Seized with Cramps Swimming at Lyndonville.

Lyndonville, Aug. 11.—Ernest Ranney, aged 17 years, son of Charles Ranney of West Burke, was drowned while swimming in the Passumpsic river this afternoon. He was a good swimmer, according to one report, but was overcome by cramps. Another version is that he was not an expert swimmer and being caught in the under current was perhaps taken with cramps. His companion was unable to save him. Ranney was employed here in the stable at Webb's Hotel.

METHODIST CAMP MEETING.

Programme for St. Johnsbury District Goes Out This Week.

Lyndonville, Aug. 11.—The programme for the annual Methodist camp meeting of the St. Johnsbury district, to be held in the grove here August 22 to September 1, will be sent to the churches this week. The opening sermon will be given Thursday evening by the Rev. O. J. Anderson of St. Johnsbury church and for the next ten days every available hour of the day and evening will be given over to religious exercises. Broadsides, leaflets, songs, and other literature, in possible suitable amusements and recreation and some portion of each day will be devoted to sports.

ODD FELLOWS' FIELD DAY DRAWS 2,000.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 11.—The 25th annual outing of the Odd Fellows' Field Day association was held on the fair grounds yesterday afternoon and attracted over 2,000 spectators. The afternoon was devoted to all kinds of athletic sports.

The prizes being given by the St. Johnsbury merchants. The heavyweight prize was won by the Barre team and the St. Johnsbury team won the lightweight prize. The ball game between St. Johnsbury and Barre was won by St. Johnsbury in five innings, 4 to 3. H. Henderson, grand secretary of the grand lodge, was president of the day and in his address in this vicinity participated in the contests.

ADDISON COUNTY FAIR PROMISES TO BE GREAT.

Middlebury, Aug. 11.—The 25th annual Addison county fair, including a promenade, was issued yesterday. It is evident that with the proper weather, the forthcoming fair on August 29 and 30, will be the best ever given by the Addison County Agricultural society in the 62 years of its existence.

The grounds and the new buildings are well and of an excellent type. The fair is in Vermont, going to the fair, a great deal of money that will be put into them in the last few years.

The first day, August 29, will be devoted, as usual, to the entrance and arrangement of exhibits. On the second day, the judges will begin their examinations, and in the afternoon the races of the week will be started. The amount of prizes for the different races is \$100 and the programme of the races is as follows:

August 29: 2:30 trot, purse \$50; 3:30 pace, purse \$50; 4:30 trot, purse \$50; 5:30 pace, purse \$50; 6:30 trot, purse \$50; 7:30 pace, purse \$50; 8:30 trot, purse \$50; 9:30 pace, purse \$50; 10:30 trot, purse \$50; 11:30 pace, purse \$50.

August 30: 2:30 trot, purse \$50; 3:30 pace, purse \$50; 4:30 trot, purse \$50; 5:30 pace, purse \$50; 6:30 trot, purse \$50; 7:30 pace, purse \$50; 8:30 trot, purse \$50; 9:30 pace, purse \$50; 10:30 trot, purse \$50; 11:30 pace, purse \$50.

There will be also two grand games of billiards, the winners of the 1st and 2nd prizes, and a grand game of pool, the winners of the 1st and 2nd prizes.

WIDOW BEATEN TO DEATH.

An Aged Widow Was Overrun and Murdered in Her Home.

Gloverville, N. Y., Aug. 11.—One of the most brutal murders in the history of Fulton county was disclosed this afternoon by the finding of the body of Veronica Lechner, a widow, aged 82 years, who had been overrun and beaten to death by her assailant. The woman lived alone in a small house on the corner of Main and Third streets. She was found lying on the floor, her head broken and her body covered with bruises.

Following close upon the arrest of Alfred Matthews, a colored resident of Johnston, charged with assault, committed on a white woman of that city, the crime has caused considerable of a sensation.

BEATS BY THE BOUNTY.

Billy James, private clerk, was looking at bills in a public avenue haberdashery the other day.

He had some difficulty in getting one that suited him and that was at the same time long enough to meet the requirements of his outfit.

"How much is that?" he asked, at last, when he saw one that seemed to be about it.

The clerk told him it would cost him \$2.

"Good heavens!" exclaimed the clerk. "Ain't that a pretty stiff price for one belt?" he inquired.

"Yes," admitted the clerk, "after they get up into regular sergeants size we charge for them by the pound."

—August Plain Dealer.

HAD BEEN THERE BEFORE.

There was once a man from Toledo, O., who while having a "good time" in the Tenderloin district was according to Simon Ford, "held up" by an individual who suddenly darted out from a dark corner and presented a pistol at the head of the westerner.

"Give me your money, or I'll blow out your brains," observed the footpad.

Without flinching the Toledo man calmly surveyed the highwayman. "How away," said he, "I'd rather be without brains in New York than without money."

—August Plain Dealer.

IF THE BABY IS CATTING TEETH.

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, M. M. White's "Baby's Own" for the child, teething, the gums, always at hand, for colic and is the best remedy for teething. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

TALMAGE SERMON.

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and a crew to board her. They broke one of the rudder chains and let the anchor drop into the sea and strung their chain between the two ships.

Again and again some of the ropes would snap, but always another rope was flung over the chain, and at last the chain was bound to the Elder by a steel rope.

All this took hours. The engines would start and stop. The vessel would roll and pitch in the path of the sea. Many of the people were grumbling. I grumbled, as did the others. Then it suddenly occurred to me:

"Those men are making a fearful fight to save the ship because it means salvage for the crew that tows the San Pedro as well as for the company. They were fighting for that money, just as I am struggling to earn bread for my wife and babies. It means clothing, it means education. We may have to go slower, but let us be patient for the plucky fight these sailors are making to provide for those who are dependent upon them."

Lastly, as I look upon the flitting boats and the plucking, upturned faces of that fatal day of July 29 I am impressed with the rapidity with which death can strike down its victims. Like a bolt out of a clear sky the summons may come. It may come to us at any time, in any place. It can come to us as quickly as it hurried into a watery grave the 105 men, women and children when the San Pedro crashed into the Columbia, sending them to the bottom of the cruel and unfathomable sea.

The marine entertainment which came to the Columbia might have come to us. In an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, the summons may come. Death comes suddenly to our neighbors, and death may come suddenly to us. Let us, then, heed the warning which Christ gave to the rich man of his time, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

On the night of July 29 not one of all the passengers and crew aboard the Elder had to be laid out near death. We all felt his presence. We were all saying to ourselves: "How would I have been prepared to meet my God if my summons had come as it did to the passengers of the Columbia?"

Am I living the right life, and will my dear ones beyond, by Jesus' side, be able to greet me if I should now hear the call, "This night, this night thy soul shall be required of thee?"

An Impressive Service.

In the evening hours of that day some of the survivors of the Columbia came to me and asked with sad faces, "Will you hold a service tonight in the saloon for us?" "Do you want it?" "Are not the people too high strung and overwrought and sorrowful to meet at this time?" "No," they answered, "we want it, and we want you to lead it." "Well, I will." Never was there a gathering exactly like it. Most of us had eaten but little that day. Many of us had not even washed. We were unshaven and unkempt. But, oh, the solemnity of it! Some had no clothes except a blanket.

Some had lost babies and husbands or wives and mothers and fathers. There we met and prayed and sang. I read the twenty-first chapter of Revelation and talked about heaven and our dear ones. There we were, Catholics and Protestants, in that strange audience and perhaps some who had never yet spoken the name of Christ in reverence. There we prayed and sang and wept, and we consecrated our lives anew to God and our fellow men.

It is so easy to think of death coming to those a thousand miles away. But that day it came near to us. Can you not feel that death may this moment be ready for you? Why not now surrender your heart to God's work, as we did on that Sabbath night which followed the awful catastrophe of the sinking Columbia? Then indeed we may say in the words of the Psalmist of old: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea, though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof."

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This month. The Pole. Should hunt. Its hole. Should lay. Its trail. Where it. The goal. Or men. Who tell. Take home. The whole. Wide world. Oh, Pole. Go hunt. Your hole.

We will. Be glad. When some. Fur clad. Daring. Bold lad. Finds it. Be glad! For we. Have had. Enough. End. Of it. Rides sad. And men. Pole-mad.

—Houston Post.

HARD TO TAKE.

Misery—Did the mustard plaster do you any good, Bridget?

Maid—Yes; but, be sorry, mum, it do bite the tongue—Philadelphia Inquirer.



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THE SEARCH FOR THE SOUTH POLE.

Starting now from north to south, from Arctic to Antarctic, a great and auspicious change is apparent. Expeditions, founded on hope and led by individual men of endurance and quest of adventure are contrasted with those involving protection of the frontier and geographical and scientific expeditions, recognized by governments and by royalty.

In the case of the public funds, Great Britain and France have advanced in the beginning of the twentieth century, the support of the search for the South Pole and the discovery of the continent of Antarctica.

Sweden, Germany, and Scotland, have sent men and high honors in the Arctic, while Argentina leads all the republics of the continent in work in the southern polar field. The change in the beginning of the twentieth century, the support of the search for the South Pole and the discovery of the continent of Antarctica.

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